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Washington, D.C. – A resolution authored by Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) honoring the City of Tracy in advance of the 100th anniversary of the City's incorporation passed the U.S. House of Representatives today with unanimous and bipartisan support. The resolution commends the residents of Tracy for a century of dedicated military service to the United States and expresses gratitude to the many men and women who live in Tracy and the surrounding areas who have served in the Armed Forces.

Congressman McNerney spoke recently on the floor of the House of Representatives in support of the resolution's passage. Excerpts from the Congressman's remarks as well as the text of H.Res. 1446 is below.

"I rise to honor the residents of the City of Tracy on the 100th anniversary of the City's incorporation for their century of dedicated service to the United States. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this important resolution to recognize the service of Tracy's residents.

"I am fortunate to represent Tracy, which sits in a rich agricultural region in California's San Joaquin Valley. Time and again throughout the last century, Tracy residents have proven their dedication to our country by serving in our Armed Services. Many Tracy residents have made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives defending the freedom we cherish and protecting our nation from the enemies at home and abroad.

"Just the other week, I attended an event in Tracy to honor the memory of one of these fallen heroes, and I am always humbled and made proud by the outpouring by Tracy residents for our men and women in uniform.

"On many weekends back home in California, I visit Tracy to meet with local veterans and discuss the issues that affect their lives. I am committed to making sure that our veterans are cared for and that their families receive the support they deserve. My son Michael joined the service shortly after 9/11, and caring for our men and women in uniform is a deep personal priority. Our country should always recognize communities, like Tracy, whose residents answer the call to service.

"I am proud to recognize the residents of the City of Tracy on the occasion of their centennial anniversary of the city's incorporation. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution honoring the veterans and residents of Tracy for their dedicated service to our Nation. I yield back."

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the residents of the City of Tracy, California, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the city's incorporation, for their century of dedicated service to the United States.

Whereas the City of Tracy is located in San Joaquin County, which is home to more than 42,000 veterans;

Whereas the Tracy area is home to the Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, which serves as a vital distribution center for materials and supplies for the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas the City of Tracy maintains a cherished memorial containing the names of the heroes from Tracy who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the United States from World War I to the present;

Whereas Camp Tracy, located near the City of Tracy, played a role in intelligence operations that contributed to the war effort during World War II;

Whereas members of the United States Armed Forces from the City of Tracy served bravely, and many lost their lives, in the Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, and other military conflicts of the 20th century;

Whereas members of the United States Armed Forces from the City of Tracy have served with honor in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

Whereas the Tracy Press reported on November 11, 2008, that the City of Tracy has endured one of the Nation's highest per capita casualty rates in the war in Iraq: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) expresses its gratitude to the veterans of the City of Tracy, California, who have committed their lives to serving the United States; and

(2) expresses its gratitude to all of the residents of the City of Tracy, California, for their century long commitment to serving the United States.